



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2011 Biennium

Bill #	SB0346	Title:	Increase penalties for animal abuse
Primary Sponsor:	Laible, Rick	Status:	As Introduced

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached |

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2010 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2011 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2012 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2013 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0		
Revenue:				UNKNOWN
General Fund	\$0	\$0		
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u></u>	<u></u>

Description of fiscal impact:

This bill extends the maximum sentence from two years to six years for second and subsequent cruelty to animals' convictions. *Because this bill also adds the possibility of an additional four years, there will be no fiscal impact to the Department of Corrections in this biennium, but could have long term impact depending on sentencing practices. See "Long-Term Impacts".

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

1. There were eight offenders that have been convicted of animal cruelty first offense in the last twelve years. Of these eight, two served an average of 1.5 years at Montana State Prison and the rest received either deferred or suspended sentences. Both of the offenders receiving MSP sentences had counts other than the animal cruelty offenses that contributed to their sentencing. There have been no second offenses for animal cruelty in this time period.

Long-Term Impacts:

1. If an offender was to re-offend at this time then the fiscal impact would not be seen until at least FY 2012.
2. Assuming that only one of the twelve would re-offend then the fiscal impact for FY 2012 would be \$33,569.
3. For the four additional years not now allowed in sentencing the total would be \$134,276.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date